

TO DISCHARGE E. M. FIELD.

JUDGE SMITH, OF BROOKLYN, ISSUES AN ORDER RELEASING HIM.

GRANTED ON THE GROUND THAT THE EXECUTION WAS NOT ISSUED WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT—THE PRISONER STILL IN JAIL.

Judge Smith, who is sitting in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn, granted a formal order yesterday, discharging from custody Edward M. Field, of the firm of Field, Lindsey, Weathers & Co., bankers. The order for his discharge was a purely formal one, under Section No. 572, of the Civil Code, on the ground that the execution was not issued within three months after entry of judgment, as provided by law. Edward M. Field was the head of the firm of Field, Lindsey, Weathers & Co., bankers and brokers, which failed in November, 1893, with large liabilities and small assets. The funds entrusted to it had disappeared in a remarkable manner. Field was committed to an asylum for the insane by an order of Judge McAdam. Investigation of the affairs of the firm led to the finding of six indictments against Field for forgery and grand larceny. The allegations of forgery were based on the charge that he had made out bills of lading representing fictitious cargoes of wheat ostensibly shipped in vessels which were really in other parts of the globe. On these bills of lading, Field obtained loans which finally disappeared. The larceny indictments alleged that he had misappropriated securities in trust.

District-Attorney Neely did not believe that Field was really insane, and he took steps to get the question settled, and the defendant was lodged in Ludlow Street Jail on a judgment against the person obtained by R. C. Dietz, a creditor. His trial on the criminal charge was begun in the Court of Oyer and Terminer before Justice Van Brunt. The issue of his sanity was first taken up by the jury, but it was soon settled in favor of the defense. The trial was then adjourned to the State Asylum for the Insane at Buffalo, until he should recover his reason sufficiently to be placed on trial on the criminal charges.

Field remained in Buffalo until January 21st, when he left according to the report of the superintendents, being rational enough to converse with counsel. He was recommitted to Ludlow Street Jail on the order of arrest. The Sheriff finally got tired of keeping him, and suggested that he ought to be tried in the Tombs on the criminal charge. But, therefore, was furnished on the indictment by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Field, son of the prisoner, and Capt. John J. Field, his nephew. There was detained only on the civil order of arrest.

A Tribune reporter, who went to the Ludlow Street Jail soon after 6 p.m. yesterday, was not able to get past a turnkey at the door and was not permitted to have an interview with Edward M. Field. "I can't get into jail," the turnkey said, "and he is likely to stay here for a time, so far as I can tell. It is said here that the order of the Judge in Brooklyn only releases Field on the charge, but there are other complaints. The order was not served here, so far as it is now past time for closing the jail Field could not be sent out of here to-night anyhow. He is well and all right here."

AN EXILE WHO MAY BE PRESIDENT

GENERAL MANIGAT SAID TO HAVE STRONG BACKING, AND TO BE PREPARING TO SEIZE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT.

A passenger on the steamer Prins Willem II, which arrived yesterday from Port au Prince, says that General Manigat, who is now in exile at Kingston, Jamaica, will surely be the next President of Hayti. He is said to have on his side the bank and all the wealthy men of Hayti, and when Manigat decides to establish himself it will be by force of arms, which is the customary way in Hayti of seating a President. Hippolite, it appears, will not be a candidate at the next election, which occurs three years from now, but whether or not he intends to be, it seems to be the general impression that Manigat will not wait until Hippolite's term expires. Up to the present time Manigat has not moved toward the banks of the island, and the question has been, what will he do about the expedition which Martagat was said a month ago, to have been forming for attack upon Hayti.

Speaking of Minister Smythe, whose indirect offensive address to President Hippolite aroused so much popular clamor in Hayti, the passenger said that the general impression in Hayti was that the United States, among its speakers and invited guests, will be George C. Harrison, who will represent President Eliot, who will represent the university; James T. Kibbey, Collector of the Port; ex-Judge Howland, for Yale; President Low, for Columbia; H. L. Colton for Princeton; Dr. Mr. Arthur, the Rev. Percy Grant, Professor J. B. Ames, Charles F. McKinnon and William H. Rand, Jr.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HARVARD CLUB.

The twenty-eighth annual dinner of the Harvard Club will take place at Delmonico's this evening, at 6:30 o'clock. Edward King, president of the club, will preside, and among the speakers will be Dr. C. L. Burleigh, who will represent the university; James T. Kibbey, Collector of the Port; ex-Judge Howland, Dr. Arthur, the Rev. Percy Grant, Professor J. B. Ames, Charles F. McKinnon and William H. Rand, Jr.

THE DOLPHIN TO GO TO NICARAGUA.

It was reported at the Navy Yard yesterday that the dispatch boat Dolphin, which had gone to Washington, is to be sent to Nicaragua with little delay as possible, in view of the occupation of Greytown by the troops of the Nicaraguan Government. The Dolphin will remain in the southern waters until she is relieved by the Marabout, now being made ready at the Navy Yard, to be put in commission March 12. The Marabout, which will be able to get to sea in two or three weeks after she is put in commission, and she will become the temporary flagship of Acting Rear-Admiral Richard W. Green, who has been ordered to the Republic. Unfortunately, there is really not a vessel in the North Atlantic Squadron available for the service which the Kearsarge had started on. The Veracruz is off on errands destroying the coast, and the Marabout is hardly in condition to serve where there is intricate navigation and practically open roadsteads instead of deep and well-sheltered harbors. These are the only vessels now in commission in the North Atlantic Squadron.

A NEW PRIZE ESTABLISHED AT PRINCETON.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 20 (Special).—Mrs. Norman White has established in memory of her son, Frederick Barnard White, of the class of 1883, a prize in architecture yielding \$50 each year. It is open to the junior and senior classes, and to special students taking a full schedule of studies. It will be awarded for the best design, based upon examination and writing the best essay on a given subject.

ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The President to-day filled the very desirable vacancy in the Quartermaster's Department of the Army by sending to the Senate the name of First Lieutenant Robert R. Stevens, 6th Infantry, to be captain and assistant quartermaster. Captain Stevens was born in Texas in 1853, and was appointed from Mississippi. He has served fourteen years and nine months in the Army.

Mr. Campbell (Dem., N. Y.) to-day introduced a bill in the House for the relief of Acting Rear-Admiral F. Stanton and the officers and enlisted men on the Kearsarge, wrecked on Roncador Bank. It provides for the payment of \$1000 as recompense for losses a sum not in excess of twelve months pay, but excludes those responsible for the loss of the vessel. The bill was referred to the Committee on Affairs of the Navy.

A substitute on the bill to reimburse forty or more cadets who were dropped from the vessel in 1883, was ordered to a favorable report by the House Naval Committee, during the session. The substitute authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to appoint as many of these cadets assistant paymasters as may be practical.

The House Committee on Military Affairs has ordered a favorable report on the bill providing for the dedication of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The expense of the park is estimated to be \$500,000, and the date fixed for September 13, 1895. The Secretary of War is directed to arrange the exercises.

CAPTAIN PRICE GOES FREE

CHARGES AGAINST HIM DISMISSED.

VOTE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS IN HIS FAVOR UNANIMOUS—SUPERINTENDENT BYRNES WHO MADE THE ACCUSATIONS HAS NOTHING TO SAY.

The Police Commissioners by a unanimous vote yesterday dismissed the charge of "conduct unbecoming an officer" against Captain James K. Price and Detectives Patrick Curry and Alan Hay, of the West Thirtieth-street station, who were on trial at the Central Office on Monday. Commissioner McLennan, who moved for the dismissal of the charges, said it was the opinion of the commissioners that the charges had not been supported by the evidence. The charges were made by Superintendent Byrnes, and accused Captain Price of failing to support, by his evidence in court, the sworn complaint which he had made upon information and belief against Dumont C. Lewis.

Price affidavit charged Lewis with keeping a disorderly house at Alhambra, at No. 32 Eighth-avenue on which a raid was made by order of Captain McCaughy on the night of January 21. One specification in the charges against Price was that he had, by his conduct, caused Lewis to be acquired by the police, and Lewis was acquitted on that charge. Captain Price and Hay also were accused of failing to testify, upon the trial of Lewis, to the propriety of the charge. The defense of Captain Price said: "I voted for the discharge of this company. I do not know if I have ever said as much as that." Captain Price was justified in his action, he said, because he had no proof to make an affidavit charging the proprietor of a house with keeping a disorderly house.

The Mayor, in calling the meeting to order, said no words of his could avail to the purpose of more directly impressing these persons with the deplorable condition of affairs among the unemployed working-people of New-York, who found themselves now, having spent the last dollar of their slender savings, in a state of destitution never before reached in this city. The Mayor had then taken the liberty, in his official capacity, of calling upon men of means and forming a committee to help the poor, and to raise money to afford them help, to care for the sick, to drink beer and listen to the music, provided they commits no disorderly acts in the place. So it is a becomes concert place, or a music hall, for the relief of the poor.

The commissioners had no comments to make, except that the evidence presented against Captain Price was strong, and that he had violated the order of the Court, and therefore was guilty of contempt of court.

According to this paper, the defense had

called a meeting to discuss the case.

The Mayor spoke with much earnestness and feeling, and drew a pathetic picture of the condition of thousands of workmen and their families, who, up to a few months ago had lived in plenty.

He knew that a great deal could be done through the influence that those appealed to could wield, and he hoped that the example set by the commissioners he had called together last week, would be followed. The Mayor said that he had received many letters from citizens who had been insulted; some by illness or by business, but who assured him of their hearty co-operation in the good work.

Present Low of Columbia College said that in order to give directions to the effort to raise a sufficient fund for the purposes indicated by the Mayor, he had ventured to draw up a form of appeal which he could sign.

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At each end of all the stairs there is a washroom and wash room, containing hot and cold water basins, and furniture of each of the sleeping rooms consists of two single beds, a movable sofa, a double sofa, a washstand, a large iron bedstead, an ample number of pillows, and a rug. In the basement there is a trunk room, no trunks being allowed in the sleeping rooms. The trunks will be unpacked in this room, and the contents sent to the dormitory, and the room will be used for the storage of trunks.

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